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Re: **Status Inquiry – 2<sup>nd</sup> Request**  
Applicant: MICHAELSON, ET AL.  
Invention: STERILIZATION APPARATUS FOR ORTHODONTIC BANDS  
Application No. 10/050,400  
Filing Date: 01/15/2002  
Group Art Unit: 1744  
Our File: STES104

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please provide me with the status of the above-referenced utility patent application. Our last correspondence with the Patent Office was the Notice of Publication.

Thank you.

Best regards,

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